

The State of New Hampshire

Department of Environmental Services



Michael P. Nolin Commissioner

May 3, 2005

Arlington Sample Book Co., Inc. Attn: Lawrence K. Becker 20 South Main Street Newport, NH 03773

Re: Docket No. AF 04-059 Motion to Accept Settlement Agreement

Dear Mr. Becker:

Enclosed for your records is a copy of the Motion to Accept Settlement Agreement in the above-captioned matter executed by Anthony P. Giunta, P.G., Director of the Waste Management Division, and accepted by Commissioner Michael P. Nolin on May 3, 2005.

On behalf of the Department of Environmental Services, thank you for your cooperation in resolving this matter.



cc: Anthony P. Giunta, PG., Director, Waste Management Division Gretchen R. Hamel, Administrator, DES Legal Unit Kerry D. Barnsley, Compliance Attorney, DES Legal Unit James Martin, DES Public Information Officer Lynn Woodard, DES WMD Thomas Beaulieu, DES WMD Tammy Calligandes, DES WMD Arlington Sample Book Co., Inc. Attn: Lawrence K. Becker 20 South Main Street Newport, NH 03773

Re: UST ID #0-112409

ADMINISTRATIVE FINE No. AF 04-059

MOTION TO ACCEPT SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT

NOW COME the Department of Environmental Services, Waste Management Division ("the Division") and Arlington Sample Book Co., Inc., parties to the above-captioned matter, and stipulate to the following:

- 1. The Commissioner of the Department of Environmental Services ("DES"), is authorized under RSA 146-C:10-a to impose administrative fines of up to \$2,000 per offense for violations of RSA 146-C and Env-Wm 1401 relating to installation, maintenance, operation, and closure of underground storage facilities. Pursuant to RSA 146-C:10-a, the Commissioner has adopted Env-C 607 to establish the schedule of fines for such violations.
- 2. Arlington Sample Book Co., Inc. ("Arlington"), is the registered facility owner of one underground storage tank ("UST") system at the Arlington Sample Book Co., Inc., ("the Facility"), further identified as UST #0-112409, located on real property at 20 South Main Street, Newport, NH ("the Property").
- 3. On September 9, 2004, the Division issued Notice of Proposed Administrative Fine No. AF 04-059 ("the Notice") to Arlington seeking fines totaling \$800 for violations of New Hampshire Administrative Rule Part Env-Wm 1401.
- 4. Specifically, the Notice cited Arlington for violating Env-Wm (1401.07(c) by failing to display and permanently affix a permit at the Facility. Pursuant to Env-C 607.02(b) the Division sought a fine of \$100.
- 5. The Notice further cited Arlington for violating Env-Wm 1401.18 by failing to provide a closure report for the removal of a 10,000-gallon diesel UST. Pursuant to Env-C 607.06(e) the Division sought a fine of \$500.
- 6. The Notice further cited Arlington for violating Env-Wm 1401.25(d) by failing to properly maintain overfill protection equipment on the UST. Pursuant to Env-C 607.05(j) the Division sought a fine of \$200.
- 7. In order to settle this matter, the Division and Arlington have agreed to the terms of this Settlement Agreement ("Agreement"), as set forth herein.

- 8. Of the proposed fine in the amount of \$800, 20% or \$160 shall be suspended due to this being a one-time unintentional violation. An additional 20% or \$160 shall be suspended due to Arlington's history of compliance. An additional 20% shall be suspended due to Arlington's cooperation in returning the Facility to a compliance status.
- 9. The suspended portion of the proposed fine, in the amount of \$480 is contingent on Arlington maintaining the subject facility in compliance with Env-Wm 1401 for a period of two years from the date of execution of this document. If Arlington fails to maintain compliance during the two-year period the suspended portion of the proposed fine, in the amount of \$480, shall become due and payable immediately. If Arlington maintains compliance for the prescribed two-year period, the suspended portion of the fine shall be waived.
- 10. Arlington agrees to pay the remaining \$320 upon execution of this Agreement by Arlington.
- 11. Payment under Paragraph #10, and any payment that becomes due pursuant to Paragraph #9 shall be paid by certified check made payable to: "Treasurer, State of New Hampshire" and mailed to:

DES Legal Unit Attention: Michael Sclafani, Legal Assistant P.O. Box 95 Concord, NH 03302-0095

- 12. If any payment is made by check or money order that is returned due to insufficient funds, pursuant to NH RSA 6:11-a, DES may charge a fee in the amount of 5% of the face amount of the check or money order or \$25.00, whichever is greater, plus all protest and bank fees, in addition to the amount of the check or money order, to cover the costs of collection.
- 13. By executing this Agreement, Arlington waives its right to a hearing on or any appeal of the administrative fines identified in the Notice, and agrees that this Agreement may be entered into and enforced by a court of competent jurisdiction.
- 14. The effective date of this Agreement will be the date on which it is signed by an authorized representative of Arlington, the Director of the Waste Management Division, and the Commissioner of DES. After that date, this Agreement may be amended only by written agreement signed by both parties and the Commissioner. Any such amendment will become effective on the date on which it has been accepted by the Commissioner.
- 15. No failure by DES to enforce any provision of this Agreement after any breach or default will be deemed as a waiver of its rights with regard to that breach or default, nor will such failures be construed as a waiver of the right to enforce each and all provisions of this Agreement on any further breach or default.

WHEREFORE, the parties respectfully request the Commissioner to accept the terms of this Agreement by granting this Motion.

Date 14, 2005

Respectfully submitted,
Arlington Sample Book Co., Inc.

Duly Authorized:

4/27/05 Date Anthony Giventa, Director

This Motion to Accept Settlement agreement is granted this $3^{R\lambda}$ day of MAY, 2005.

Michael P. Nolin, Commissioner
Department of Environmental Services